MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY OF DATA OBJECT ANNOTATIONS USING DIGITAL
FINGERPRINTING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Digital Fingerprints are generated for data objects in a
system where separate annotation files are created for data
objects. This permits cross heterogeneous system relationship of
a data object with associated annotations. The digital
fingerprint is saved in an annotation store along with a first
relationship between the digital fingerprint and the location of
annotations as well as a second relationship between the digital
fingerprint and location of copies of the data object. The
digital fingerprint can be generated by any system that has a
copy of the data object. Annotations or data objects can be
found by searching for the digital fingerprint and its
relationships.

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